

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH July 17, 2006

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

The Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District School Committee held a meeting on this date at 7:00 p.m. in the Exeter-West Greenwich Jr. – Sr. High School Library. Members present were Susan DeSack, Chairperson; Gregory Coutcher, Clerk; Paul McFadden; and Bill Munroe. Teri Cicero, Vice Chairperson; and Members Bill Clay and Frank Maher were absent. Superintendent Seitsinger; Director of Administration Robert V. Ross; Director of Curriculum Nancy I. Daley; and Director of Special Services Maureen DeCrescenzo were absent.

ORDER – Chair DeSack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and Member Munroe read the District Mission Statement.

OPEN FORUM – None

PRESENTATION – Student Member Report – None

ROUTINE ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA – Chair DeSack gave an overview of the Consent Agenda.

Member Munroe moved to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 4 – 0.

The following items were approved:

A. Approval of Minutes – (ENCLOSED) – Regular Minutes of June 27, 2006

B. Personnel Items

1. Resignations

C. Bills – (ENCLOSED) – In the amount of \$ 53,142.98

End Consent Agenda

Chair DeSack reviewed the correspondence.

Correspondence – Correspondence – (ENCLOSED) – (1) Memo from Mark Thompson Regarding Promotion Summer School Policy Proposal

Member McFadden requested correspondence (1) be carried over to the next agenda for discussion.

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NEW BUSINESS – Regular and Executive Session Minutes Taking Discussion – Chair DeSack explained this item was placed on the agenda in order to discuss what exactly members want the executive session minutes to reflect. Member McFadden voiced his opinion that if a member of the committee uses coarse language and calls him names the minutes should reflect those comments. Clerk Coutcher recommended, if members want word for word minutes, seeking the opinion of the Attorney General to see if it is acceptable to tape record the meeting and if the recording may be used for public access. Interim Superintendent Pini advised there are two types of minutes – (1) recording attendance and votes only, and (2) verbatim, which requires the services of a stenographer. Regardless of which type is used, a written copy must be available for public viewing. Most school departments take motion only captured minutes. Mr. Pini suggested, should this type of incident occur at a future meeting, a member make a request at that time to have the record reflect such comments.

Consensus of the committee was Clerk Coutcher will seek an opinion and members will then come to a decision regarding this matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –Community Newsletter – This item will carry over to the next agenda.

DFM Time Change – Policy 3206 Updated – Chair DeSack explained this policy has been modified to reflect the recently passed house bill

to change the time of the District Financial Meeting from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Member Munroe moved to accept Policy # 3206 as amended. Seconded by Clerk Coutcher. Voted 4 – 0.

Metcalf Fire Alarm – Update – Chair DeSack reported the architectural drawings are finally available and a representative from Electronic Alarm Systems is in attendance to answer members' questions regarding Metcalf's fire alarm system project.

Member McFadden moved to continue with the Electronic Alarm Systems contract – Electronic Alarm Systems is allowed to continue with their work with the bid before us. Seconded by Chair DeSack.

Members had a lengthy, in-depth discussion and exchanged their opinions and concerns relating to the cost of this project; which exceeds the amount appropriated, the timeframe needed and the timeframe available to complete the project; which potentially could delay the opening of school, sole sourcing the project, and going out to bid. Member Munroe emphasized his opinion this project should be put out to bid immediately and stressed, should the committee decide to go forward with sole sourcing this project, he will file a complaint against the committee with the Attorney General's office tomorrow morning because he feels the School Committee committed a violation by not going out

to bid. Member McFadden voiced his opinion that the committee is being forced into moving forward with this project, as Administration did not do their part to move forward with this project sooner. Members discussed Electronic Alarm System's proposal language; and the need to amend it, as the finish date of August 31, 2006 is inaccurate. They also discussed the need to have members review an actual contract rather than a proposal. Chair DeSack said she received a copy of a generic contract this evening and will make copies available to members. Members discussed and reviewed the violation issued by the Exeter Fire Marshal. Director of Maintenance William Plumley reported Director of Administration Robert Ross did file a letter of appeal to the State Fire Marshal within the required timeframe for the violations that could not be addressed immediately.

The district received a response from the board of appeal stating it may not receive an appeal response for up to thirty-six months. To date, a response has not been received.

Member Coutcher suggested if the district filed an appeal on time and is awaiting response, it should question what authority the Exeter Fire Marshal has to stop school from opening on time. Chair DeSack voiced her concern if the appeal is denied and the motion fails, school will not open on time. Consensus was Chair DeSack will contact the State Fire Marshal immediately to inquire on the status of

the appeal, obtain a copy of the appeal, and request Electronic Alarm Systems rewrite the contract to members' suggested specifications.

Member McFadden withdrew his motion.

Member Munroe moved to place an advertisement in the paper tomorrow to go to bid.

Member McFadden suggested scheduling a Special School Committee Meeting prior to next Tuesday's regular School Committee meeting to further discuss this matter.

Member McFadden seconded Member Munroe's motion.

Clerk Coutcher suggested waiting for a decision from the Fire Marshal prior to going out to bid. Interim Superintendent Pini advised the committee could not go out to bid as it did not have the required detail formal bid specification information.

Chair DeSack said she will get the bid specifications and bring them to the Special Meeting.

Voted 2 – 2.

This item will carry over to a Special Meeting on Sunday, July 23, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.

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Literacy Coach Job Description Discussion – Consensus of the committee was to carry this item over to the next agenda.

REPORTS/COMMENTS – None

IMPORTANT DATES AND MEETINGS – July 25, 2006 – School Committee Meeting; August 8, 2006 – School Committee Meeting; August 22, 206 – School Committee Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT – Member Munroe moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Chair DeSack. Voted 4 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ROBIN CERIO

CLERK